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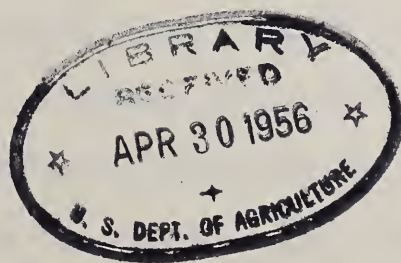
DEEP ARE THE ROOTS

a 4-H Story
by Joe Tonkin
Federal Extension Service

Departmental Auditorium
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8:00 p.m.

ACT I

THE FOUNDERS



FANFARE -

VOICE - From the North

ORGAN - first eight bars - Yankee Doodle

VOICE - From the South

ORGAN - first eight bars - Dixie

VOICE - From the East

ORGAN - first eight bars - Sidewalks of New York

VOICE - From the West

ORGAN - first eight bars - Home on the Range

VOICE - And from Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and Alaska, too,

The 1955 National 4-H Camp presents "DEEP ARE THE ROOTS,"

a special program dedicated to the 4-H Campers of yesteryear.

ORGAN - Land of Hope and Glory

VOICE - (music under) National 4-H Camp in all its twenty-five years has been a focal point for good citizenship and an inspiration for strong, competent leadership among our young people. Since 1927, with the exception of the war years, some four thousand-eight hundred 4-H delegates have gathered here in Washington each year to observe their Government in action, to meet its leaders, and to visit its shrines. Of great importance, too, at each National Camp has been the parallel meeting of those in charge of 4-H Club work in the various States - meetings that have served to plan and suggest direction for 4-H work throughout the Nation.

This is the night we, the 1955 campers, salute you who have been here before us. We're plumb glad you came.

Will all the delegates to all previous National 4-H Camps please rise?

FOOTLIGHTS ON

ORGAN - How do you do everybody, How do you do?

CARDS - HOWDY

(Club members (5) come on stage one at a time. They hold large cards, letter side toward back stage. On signal, they turn cards which spell H - O - W - D - Y.)

APPLAUSE

HOUSE LIGHTS
AND MUSIC DOWN
AND OUT

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- VOICE - Hello there. I am a 4-H Camper, too. Not this year, to be sure - I guess in spirit I've been to all of them.
- Remember that first National 4-H Camp? The idea had been at work for several years - needed some form of national recognition for junior leaders and a meeting place for State leaders, too. Well, in 1925 the State Extension Directors asked the Department of Agriculture to establish such a 4-H Camp and in 1927 they did.
- SLIDE - Camp on Mall.
- VOICE - There we were - housed in tents on the grounds right in front of the west wing of the Department of Agriculture. We had to get up at six o'clock. Who was that fellow who blew the bugle? And we had flag raising, setting up exercises, and swimming before breakfast.
- Some of us got to that first National 4-H Camp in - well, - unusual ways. The boys of the Oklahoma delegation arrived in a Ford which they had purchased from a junk dealer for the grand total of one dollar.
- ORGAN - Oklahoma
- SLIDE - Cartoon of old Ford going up hill backwards. Sign on side - "National 4-H Camp or Bust."
- VOICE - It took fixen, but the 4-H'ers could do it. And - it was rather aptly christened "Ambition." It got them to Washington all right, but on one steep hill "Ambition" had to go up - backwards.

MUSIC FADE
SLIDE OFF
LIGHTS OUT
SCREEN DOWN

VOICE - Yes, National 4-H Camp - or bust.

But the Oklahoma delegation arrived safely and so did the 4-H'ers
from the other States.

There was real excitement that day.

If your imaginations are working real well tonight -

maybe you'll recognize yourself among these 1927 4-H campers.

FULL STAGE LIGHTS

ENTER - Girl dressed in 1927 camp uniform. She models around stage
and stands at right.

ORGAN UNDER

VOICE - (as she models) Cute, wasn't it? So chic. So - well,
(Pause)

Of course, there were boys here, too, in 1927.

ENTER - Boy dressed in knickers, etc. He models and stands beside girl.

VOICE - Plus fours - I believe they called them. Or were they plus
sixes? Definitely on the plus side.

ENTER - Lady 4-H leader dressed in 1927 style.

VOICE - We had leaders, also. Pretty ones like this.

ENTER - Man dressed in 1927 style.

VOICE - And we had men leaders. Boy, oh, boy!

GROUP STRIKES POSE IN LINE ACROSS STAGE

ORGAN - Memories
UNDER

VOICE - There we were in 1927 - an era of champions.

Why less than one month before the first National 4-H Camp
convened here in the Nation's capitol -

NEWSBOY - Extra - Extra. Lindberg flies the Atlantic. Read all about it.
RUSHING
ON STAGE Extra. Extra. Lindberg lands in Paris.

VOICE

- Gene Tunney, the Shakespeare-reading boxer knocked the mighty Jack Dempsey off his throne. Gertrude Ederle swam the English channel. Bobby Jones ruled the golf links and Babe Ruth was Sultan of Swat,

4-H'ers
LEAVE STAGE

And in 1927 we were having special parties for our friends to come and listen to that new miracle - radio. That was the year that Frank Mullen broadcast the first farm radio program over a commercial station - KDKA in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

LIGHTS
OUT

But we had a serious side, you can be sure. We learned much of our Government - and left to you of all the other Camps a legacy. For at that first Camp in 1927, the 4-H pledge - by Otis Hall, state leader of Kansas - was officially adopted. The story of that first 4-H Camp and the 4-H Camps to follow would not be complete without an expression of National appreciation to those who not only worked to make that first Camp possible, but continued in 4-H Club work in the years to follow. We're happy to reveal that some of them are here in person tonight.

Especially for them - we present - "In a 4-H Garden."

FULL STAGE LIGHTS - Garden trellis back stage - rows of flowers (green boxes)
Plants, palms, etc.

BOY AND GIRL - in colonial costume - walking among the rows of flowers.

ORGAN - In a Monastery Garden.

VOICE - Miss Gertrude Warren -

SPOTLIGHT ON MISS WARREN

BOY AND GIRL - Girl picks bunch of flowers (prepared and set in box).

They go down from stage and present bouquet to Miss Warren.

VOICE - Ray Turner -

SPOTLIGHT ON TURNER

BOY AND - Upon returning to stage, "pick" another bouquet and return to
GIRL audience to present it to Mr. Turner.

VOICE - Dr. Erwin H. Shinn -

SPOTLIGHT ON SHINN

BOY AND - Repeat bouquet presentation.
GIRL

VOICE - Charles Potter -

SPOTLIGHT ON POTTER

BOY AND - Repeat bouquet presentation.
GIRL

VOICE - William Lehman -

SPOTLIGHT ON LEHMAN

BOY AND - Repeat bouquet presentation.
GIRL

(Names of other people to receive bouquets to be added later)

ORGAN - Battle Hymn of the Republic - UNDER.

STAGE LIGHTS OUT

VOICE - And so we celebrate our Silver Anniversary. Twenty-five Camps -
all with the same purpose - a greater, more useful 4-H.
But the roots of 4-H Club Work are deep in America's past.

SPOT - CENTER STAGE - on Lincoln seated at table.

VOICE - On May 15, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the organic act
creating what was to be the Department of Agriculture and the
Land-Grant College System.

"There shall be at the seat of government a Department of Agriculture, the general design and duties of which shall be to acquire and to diffuse among the people of the United States useful information on subjects connected with agriculture."

Some weeks later, he signed the Merrill Act for the endowment, support, and maintenance of at least one college (in each State) where the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts.

ORGAN - CUT

SPOT - picks up Knapp in aisle.

KNAPP - on crutches - drags along aisle toward stage.

VOICE - One day while teaching some girls how to play ball, he had slipped and injured his knee. The accident was painful and it lamed him but the seriousness of the injury was not at first apparent. On the threshold of what he believed to be his life's work, he limped along as best he could. Before a year passed, infection set in and he was forced to bed. But still he kept on. The effort took toll of his health. Doctors decreed that it was either surgery or a change to outdoor life on the farm. This he did. Still crippled, he rode the plow with crutches by his side. He preached from a tall stool in the pulpit. He taught. Yes, he progressed. Then chance, unlike lightning, struck in the same place again. He fell, striking his knee, and after a lengthy period of pain recovered all of its former usefulness. After eight years, Dr. Seaman Knapp walked again. From the leadership of Iowa State College - south - where soon he was to revitalize the rice industry of Louisiana - then to become the founding father in Texas of the farm demonstration teaching method we know today, and staunch advocate of young farmer and homemaker clubs.

KNAPP - on stage - takes hands of boy and girl.

VOICE - "What a man hears, he may doubt; what he sees, he may possibly doubt; but what he does himself, he cannot doubt."

ORGAN -

VOICE - Then came the Smith-Lever Act and the Cooperative Extension Service was born and 4-H blossomed. It has been said that 4-H is too great a movement to be claimed by one man. Here are men and women to remember -

STAGE LIGHTS OUT

SCREEN UP

VOICE - Reads names of early 4-H founders.

SLIDE - 4-H, etc.

ORGAN - 4-H Founders
UNDER

AFTER LAST NAME AND STATE

VOICE - Ladies and gentlemen, we give you - The Founders.

SOLO - 4-H Founders

4-H founders in time
Stand like towers, tall, sublime.
To their hearts that led the way
Turn our hearts, we pray.
For the future's cherished dreams,
4-H light that o'er us beams,
Clothe us in thy spirit's ray
More to know and grow today.

On our way with morning light
Family firesides wait each night
Learning of the good earth's might
In the harvest's height.
As the breeze will bend the reed
4-H moulds the lives we lead.
Working in a land that's bright
Living for a world that's right.

SLIDE OUT

HOUSE LIGHTS

ACT II

A REPORT TO THE NATION

ORGAN - Dreaming

HOUSE LIGHTS OUT

VOICE - History is not made alone by a man in a tall black hat.

SCREEN
DOWN Or a man in a helmet of steel,
History is sometimes made by a brown-haired girl.
Or a tall, straight boy
With a leader's hand on their shoulders
And a mother and father behind them.

from - A High Tree - An Open Gate - Iowa

STAGE LIGHTS

VOICE - This is a 4-H Club meeting. Let's say it is early in the year -
about Club Week time. This is a planning meeting - planning
for the season to come.

(Meeting goes on - 4-H'ers rise and talk - leader has
blackboard and yellow chalk - writes

CHICKENS

HOGS

HOME BEAUTIFICATION

BEEF ANIMAL

DAIRY

CLOTHING

VOICE - And so they set their goals - home beautification, garden,
poultry - voluntary tasks - yes - but of far greater value -
the lessons that will be learned -

1st VOICE - How can I grow strong of body?

2nd VOICE - How can I grow strong of mind?

1st VOICE - How can I work with others?

2nd VOICE - How can I speak without being afraid?

1st VOICE - How can I sing?

2nd VOICE - What is this world beyond my door?

from - A High Tree - An Open Gate - Iowa

VOICE - And now - watch them go to work.

ON STAGE - 4-H'ers scurry around.

ORGAN - Flight of the Bumblebee.

SOUND EFFECTS - animals tape recording.

FROM SET PIECE IN DEEP CENTER - Boy and girl with garden tools.

ORGAN - Fade into The Plowing Song - UP AND UNDER.

VOICE - 4-H members --

Owned and cared for 1,235,500 head of livestock.

Owned and cared for 9,426,300 birds in poultry projects.

Grew 784,200 acres of field crops.

Raised 107,600 acres of vegetables and fruits.

Canned, preserved, and froze 9,223,600 quarts of vegetables,
fruits, and other foods.

Planned, prepared, and served 13,745,470 meals.

FROM SET PIECE IN DEEP CENTER - Boy with milking machine.

VOICE - Nearly 640,000 carried on special health activities.

About 552,340 demonstrated recommended farm and home practices.

More than 235,850 improved soil and water conservation and management.

About 188,800 did work related to agricultural engineering,
electricity, tractor maintenance, and general farm repairs.

A total of 91,876 older 4-H youth took training to help them as
junior leaders.

FROM SET PIECE IN DEEP CENTER - Two boys with tractor tire.

VOICE - About 509,700 made useful and ornamental articles through training in home industries, arts, and crafts.

About 146,000 beautified home grounds.

More than 180,000 enrolled in room improvement, more than 100,500 in home management.

About 289,000 received training in recreational leadership, about 255,880 in music appreciation.

More than 64,100 clubs - and about 1,282,400 individual members - carried on community service projects to benefit themselves and their neighbors.

About 674,300 members participated in safety programs, including fire and accident prevention.

FROM SET PIECE IN DEEP CENTER - THREE GIRLS IN 4-H DRESS PARADE - enter one at a time and model.

GIRL'S - This is my score on health.
VOICE

BOY'S - This is my field of wheat.
VOICE

GIRL'S - This is the dress I made.
VOICE

BOY'S - This is the steer I raised.
VOICE

GIRL'S - This is the loaf I baked.
VOICE

BOY'S - These are the songs we sing.
VOICE

MUSIC (P. A.) - This is My Country - recorded by Waring.

(4-H'ers on stage turn to face flag while music plays.)

VOICE - (After music) - But it wasn't all work and no play. We had fun.

MUSIC (P. A.) - Square dance. Recorded.

FADE MUSIC UP AS 4-H'ERS RUSH TO FORM SQUARE DANCE FIGURES.

CALLER - calls three figures with the recorded music.

GIRL - (at close of square dance) comes on stage - in apron -
carrying cake on tray. She serves the dancers as -

STAGE LIGHTS FADE OUT

VOICE - Work hard. Play hard. Forge ahead. And thus the summer passes.

ORGAN - Begins "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come." UP AND UNDER AND HOLD.

VOICE - Then came Autumn clad in her bright colored coat - and with her
came - the harvest.

ORGAN - UP AND FULL - "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come."

ON STAGE AT CENTER BACK - A church window lighted by spot from rear.

STAGE LIGHTS TO DIM

4-H'ERS - one at a time - bring in baskets of fruit, vegetables, etc.

They kneel in front of the church window.

VOICE - Come, ye thankful people, come.

ORGAN - CONTINUES - SOFTLY

STAGE AND SPOTLIGHTS OUT, AS ORGAN GOES INTO "4-H FOUNDERS."

VOICE - I teach the abundance of the fields, of flocks and herds, the
 orderliness and peace of the home, the beauty of the woods and
 stream, the glory of work and tasks accomplished.....

 I am known to but few. I serve without wages or price; yet my
 reward is great for I am helping build a nation. I am the local
 leader of the Agricultural Extension Service and 4-H Club Work.

 We, the 4-H campers, salute you. .

SLIDE - 4-H emblem.

SOLO - last verse - 4-H Founders

HOUSE LIGHTS - at close of solo

ORGAN

